

Sermon Notes  
April 28, 2024  
“Bursting from the Shadows”  
Hebrews 8

1. The Old Covenant was **only a shadow** of the New Covenant. (Is. 30:2-3, Judges 9:15, Col. 2:16-17)

2. **Relationship with God** has always been the central matter. (Dt. 29:4, Rom. 2:25-26, 2 Cor. 3:3-6)

3. The Old Covenant no longer **has purpose**. (Eph. 4:20-24)





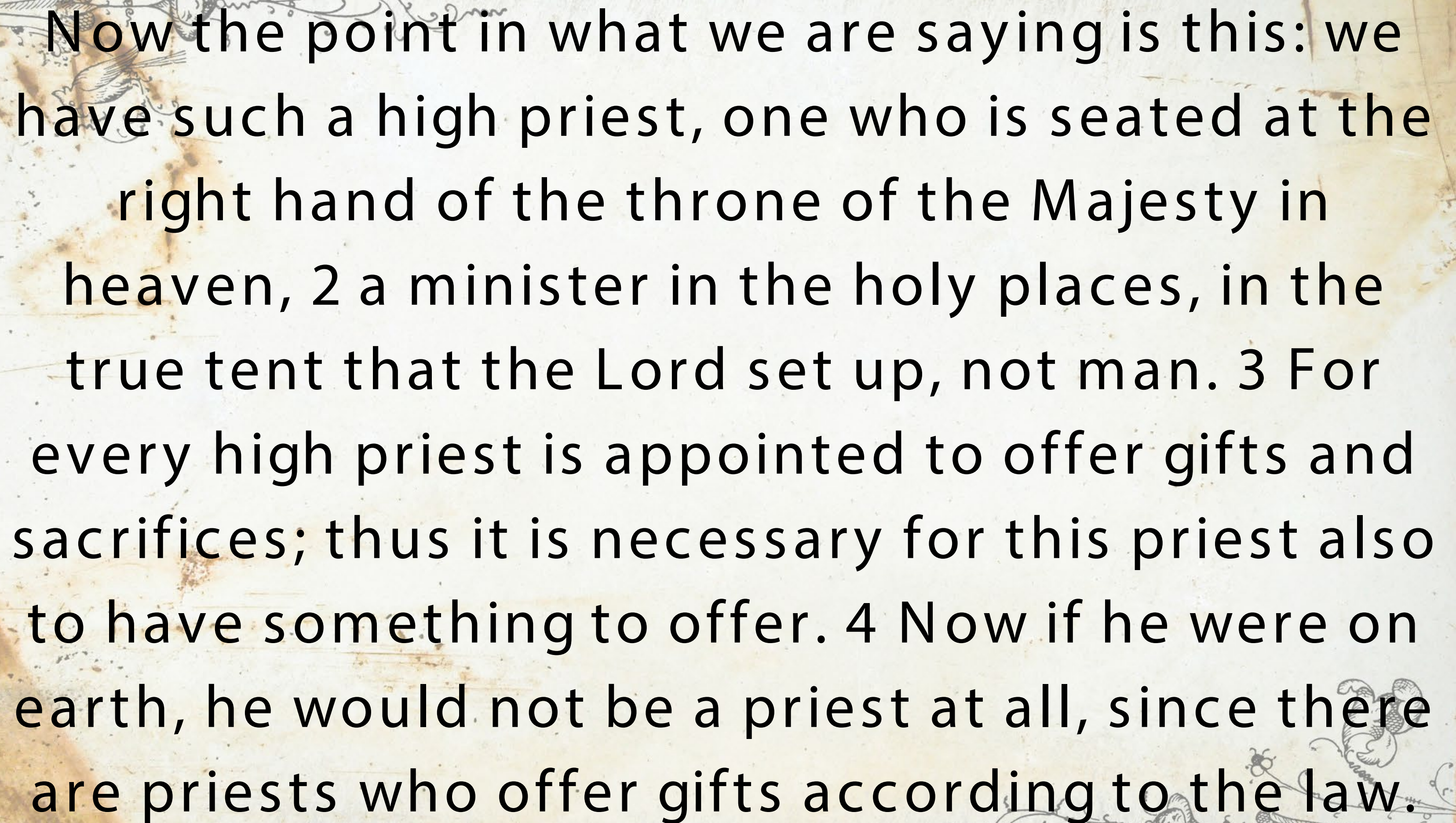
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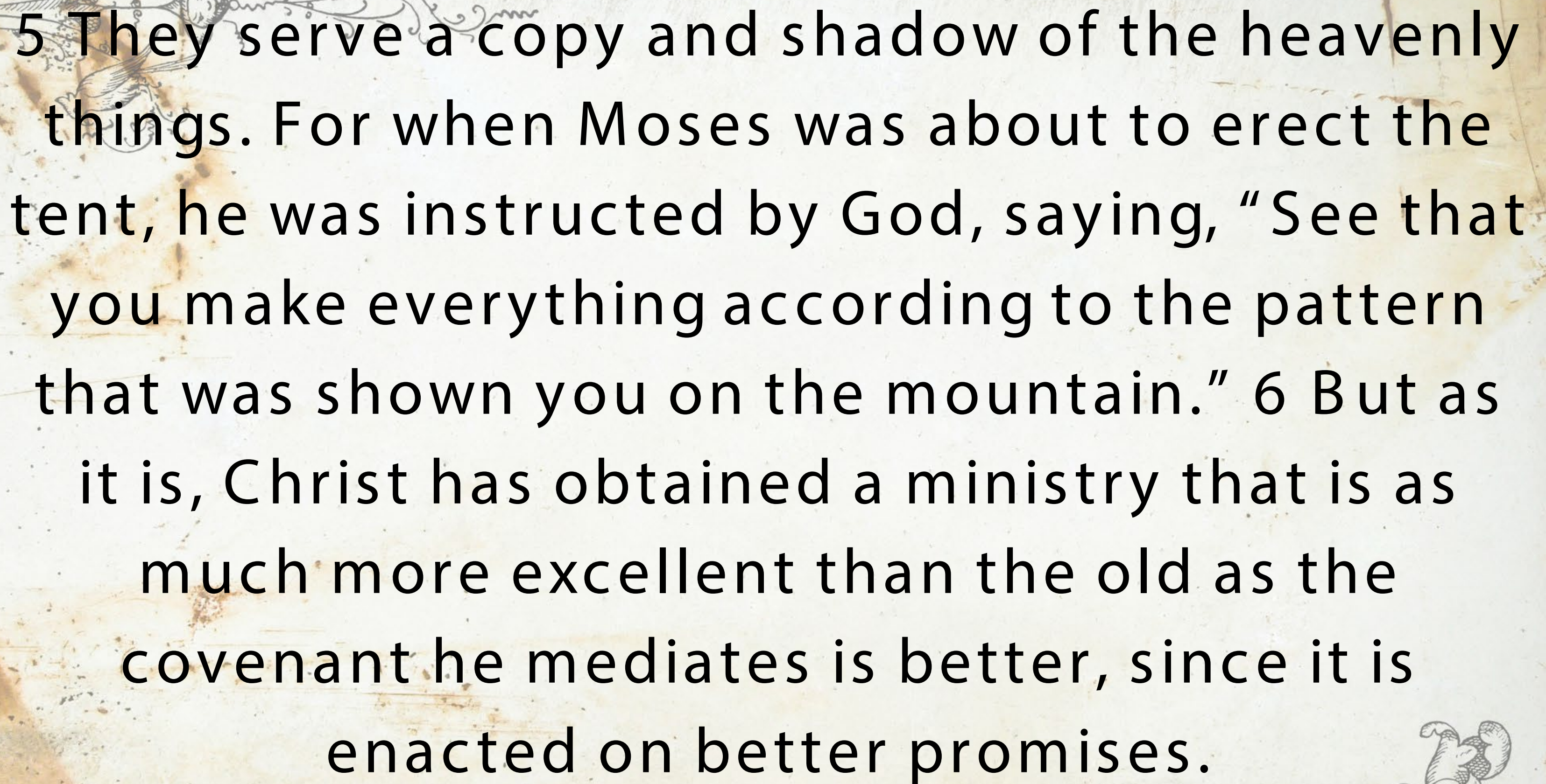




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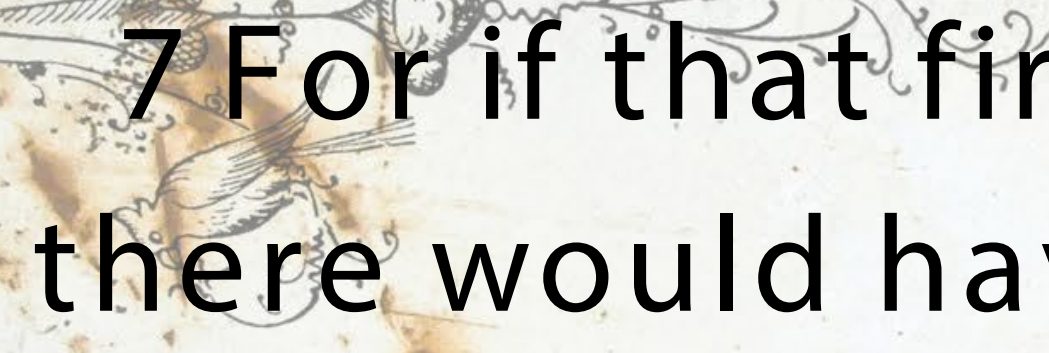
Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.






5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.






7 For if that first covenant had been faultless,  
there would have been no occasion to look for a  
second.

8 For he finds fault with them when he says:  
“Behold, the days are coming, declares the  
Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the  
house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah,








9 not like the covenant that I made with their  
fathers


on the day when I took them by the hand to  
bring them out of the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant,  
and so I showed no concern for them, declares  
the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with  
the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the Lord:









I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

11 And they shall not teach, each one his  
neighbor  
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the  
Lord,'

for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.







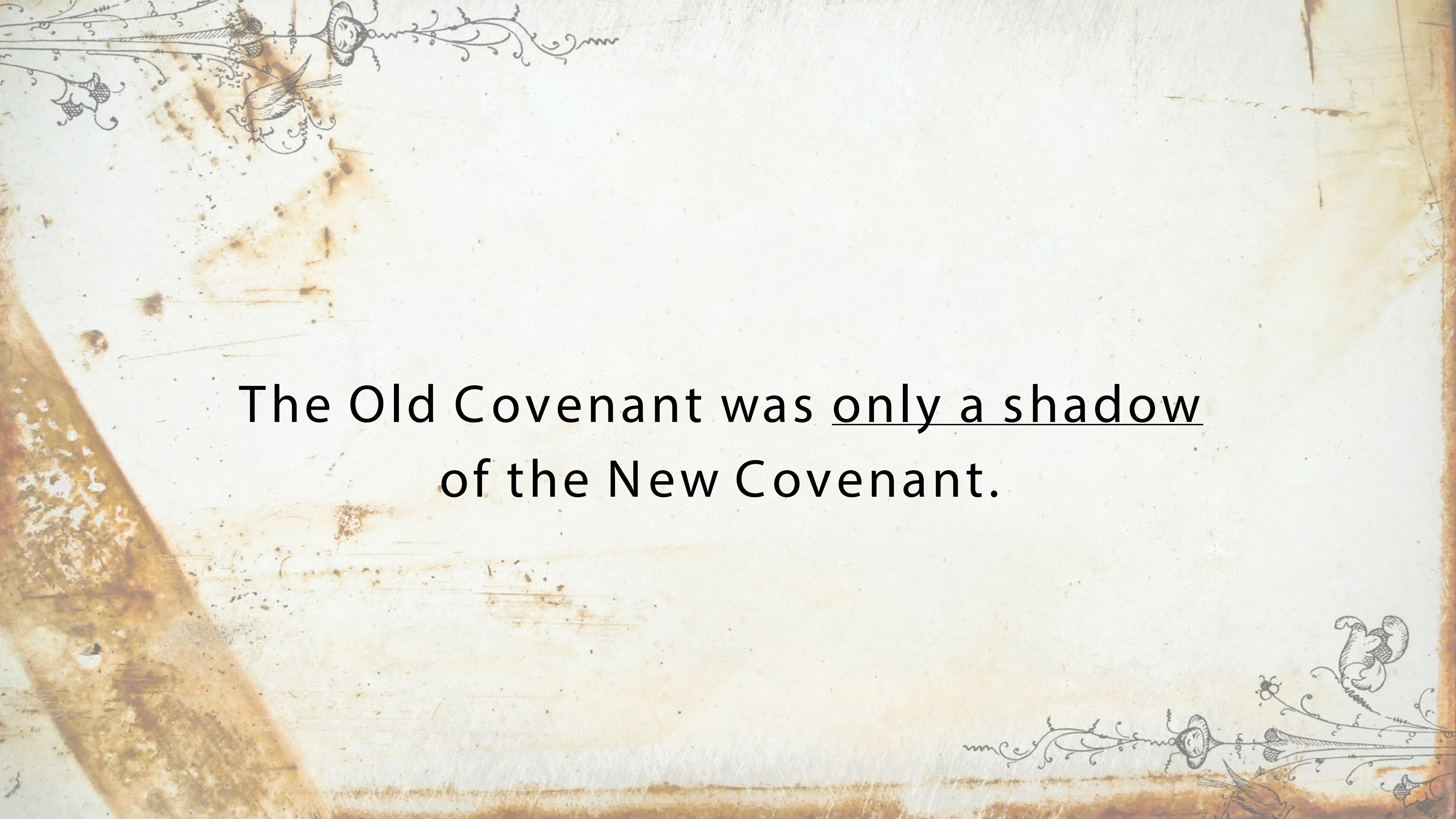
12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more."

13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the  
first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete  
and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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of the New Covenant.





# Deuteronomy 29:4

4 But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.








# Romans 2:25-26

25 For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. 26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?








## 2 Corinthians 3:3-6

3 And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.







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the central matter.





The Old Covenant no longer has purpose.











# Ephesians 4:20-24

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

